

Theodemir

(r. c. 469 – c. 475)

BRIEFING

Theodemir or Thiudimer was king of the ostrogothic Greuthungi of the Amal Dynasty, and father of Theoderic the Great. He had two brothers-in-law named Valamir and Videmir.

BIOGRAPHY

Theodemir was Arian, while his wife Erelieva was Catholic and took the Roman Christian name Eusebia upon her baptism. In the beginning of Theodemir's reign, he ruled together with his brothers-in-law as vassals under Attila the Hun. Most likely settling for this arrangement after his older brother had only managed a rule lasting four years.

He eventually consolidated the three Gothic regions in Pannonia under his rule after the death of Vidimir, and later inheriting the lands of the childless Valamir as well. He was married to Erelieva, with whom he had two children: Theoderic (454–526) and Amalafrida.

When Theodemir died in 475, Theoderic succeeded him as king over a combined Ostrogothic Kingdom.